

II. Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, and 11 are pending and stand rejected. Claim 4 has been indicated as allowable subject matter. The present amendment amends claim 1 and cancels claim 4. After this amendment, claims 1, 2, 6-9, and 11 will be pending. Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thankfully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability of claim 4. To further prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claim 4 and amended claim 1 to include the limitations of former claim 4. Thus, claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Since claims 2, 6-9, and 11 depend from claim 1, the reasons for allowance of claim 1 apply as well to the dependent claims.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1, 2, 6-9, and 11 are patentably distinguishable over the art of record. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections.

Respectfully submitted,

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